



King County

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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Meeting Summary January 19, 2011 2-4 p.m. Renton King County Library 100 Mill Ave., S., Renton

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Co-chair Loran Lichty at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kathy Brasch, Kathy Hadaller, Loran Lichty, Edith Loyer Nelson

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kevin Bernadt, Dorry Elias-Garcia

County Staff Present: Dan Floyd, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Anna Markee, DCHS; Linda Peterson, DCHS

Guests: Don Moreland, Kate Slaminko, Doug Hoople

Levy Renewal Planning – Debora Gay, Anna Markee, Linda Peterson

Anna Markee, Special Projects Manager, updated board members on the status of the Levy renewal.

- Stakeholder meetings are being held in the community to obtain suggestions for the next levy. Board members will be informed when additional stakeholder meetings are scheduled so they can attend.
- A new section on “Levy Review” has been added to the Levy website located at: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/operations/DCHS/Services/Levy/VHSLevyReview.aspx>. Educational materials are available there on a variety of topics such as program accomplishments, agencies receiving levy funds, and the changing demographics in King County.
- Citizens will soon be able to provide input electronically through the website.

Discussion:

- Providing outreach and education on the levy renewal to the Muckleshoot and Snoqualmie tribes was suggested. Edie offered to provide the appropriate contacts.
- Board members requested training on how to best speak about the future levy
- It was suggested adding language to our contracts requiring the King County logo and “funded by the King County Veterans and Human Services Levy” be added to materials printed with Levy funds.

Debora Gay, Manager of Veterans and Community Services, discussed the timeline for the renewal process and the importance of the boards' contribution.

- Mid-January thru mid- February - The upcoming strategy committee meetings will brief the board on the current funding environment, legislative issues and their impact on local service systems. For example, the federal health care reform legislation may have a dramatic effect on how we provide services locally when it is implemented in 2014.
- February Board Meetings – The boards will discuss what information and recommendations the board chairs should take to the upcoming Levy renewal Steering Committee meetings.
- Late February/March – The Chairs and Vice-Chairs will join the Levy Renewal Steering Committee for discussion of the important issues concerning development of the levy renewal package.
- March - A joint board meeting will be held so VCLOB and RHSLOB members can discuss their recommendations regarding renewal of the Levy.
- April – A proposal will be sent to the Executive for discussion and review
- May – Target date for the Executive proposal to be sent to the King County Council.
- Debora explained that CM's Ferguson, Dunn and von Reichbauer sponsored two ordinances, one to place the issue of levy renewal on the August ballot and the other on the November 2011 ballot. The ordinances state the size of the levy should be limited to the current amount and should continue to be a 50/50 split between veterans and human services.

Discussion:

There was significant discussion around the process for preparing a proposal for levy renewal, and the role boards and individual board members play in the process. Staff will research what legal limitations there may be on board member's activities once the issue is on the ballot.

Committee Reports

Strategy 3	Kathy Hadaller
Strategy 4	Edie Nelson

Kathy and Edie appreciated the Strategy 3&4 meeting summary that was provided and stated the notes reflected the discussion well.

Board Leadership/Vote

The board approved Kathy Brasch and Loran Lichty's continuing as RHSLOB co-chairs.

Co-Chair Report

- Loran presented at the levy renewal stakeholder meeting with the South King County Forum on Homelessness. He learned a great deal and appreciated the opportunity to share with this group the role and significance of the citizen levy boards.
- Kathy Brasch will be speaking with Joel at a similar event on January 26, 2011.

Review of Meeting Summary

The November 17, 2010 meeting summary was reviewed and accepted as written.

King County Staff Report – Marcy Kubbs, DCHS

- Marcy provided an update on the budget for the Family Treatment Court (FTC). Originally \$200,000 in one-time Human Services (HS) Levy funds was allocated for FTC. In the Adopted Budget process, the King County Council allocated \$225,000 in HS Levy funding for 2009 and \$269,806 for 2010 and 2011 for Family Treatment Court. In addition, \$195,933 was allocated in HS Levy 2010 funding for the Office of the Public Defender (OPD) because of its role in representing the parents involved in FTC. An evaluation of FTC indicated it is effective in helping families in dependency court, particularly families of color.
- In February, Janna Wilson of Public Health will present an update to the PHISI procurement plan.
- The 2011 budget ordinance included a proviso to explore whether King County should create a veterans court. DCHS is responsible for developing the response.
- Debora Gay presented: The Veterans Affairs (VA) is developing a National 5 year plan to end homelessness among veterans. King County is writing a local plan in coordination with the VA. The King County advisory committee for the plan includes representatives of the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH), Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs, and the VA, as well as representatives of the Housing and Homeless prevention systems. Debora is managing this work for King County which is recognized nationally as a leader in services to veterans. The board will be kept informed as the planning process progresses.

Old Business

- Kathy Brasch recently completed reviewing the operating/services proposals for funding. Award letters will be going out later this month.

New Business

- Kathy H. volunteered at her community center over the holidays and had a rewarding experience purchasing clothing and other necessities for infants and young children.
- New Life Church collected 23,000 lbs of food in November and provided food and gifts for 50 families over the holidays.
- Renton Community Supper will be adding another day of service and will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Over 5,000 meals have been served to up to a maximum of 94 people at one time. Twelve churches support the program. The Mobile Medical Van, a levy funded project visits the meal program once a month.

Petitions/Communications (Public Comment)

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.